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RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

PUCT Docket No. 24481 – Designation of Common Carriers as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to receive Federal Universal Funds Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Fourteenth Report and Order Adopting A State Certification Process

PUCT Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 §214(e)(2)

PUCT Docket No. 34881 – Application of Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier and Eligible Telecommunications Provider

Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco – Annual Affidavit

On December 4, 2007 the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) issued a letter regarding designation of Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC). The PUCT's *Order No. 3*, Docket No. 34881, issued on November 26, 2007 granted this designation.

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On December 6, 2007, Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco filed the attached affidavit of Brandon Young, President/Chief Executive Officer, which attests to the company's intent to use the federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and for provision of the designated services required by 47 C.F.R. §54.101. This document is forwarded to your attention pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 – 54.314 for the purpose of calculating federal universal service support for Express Cash and Phone, Inc. d/b/a Talk Now Telco.

If you require any additional information please call Meena Thomas at (512)-936-7344.

Sincerely,

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